CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: [special only].mpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 0900595.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not stated

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 24 September 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	[special only].mpg	2:18
Total running time:		2:18

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file is evidence of the sexual abuse of a child. The recorded material shows a man performing a sexual act on a baby girl and is intended to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. Viewers are encouraged to see even very young children as sexual objects

available for adult use and gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.